

The HONEY CONNOISSEUR COLOR GUIDE

There are seven designated colors of honey in varying intensities from water white to dark amber. This standard system for measuring the color of liquid honey is called the Pfund color grading system. Color is measured visually using a glass tile and is expressed as the relative lightness or darkness of amber on a scale in millimeters. Below are the seven colors of honey using the Pfund system and a few types of varietal honeys that correspond to those colors.

CREAM – PEARL – BLUSH – BEIGE – LIGHT CHARTREUSE – STRAW – BANANA		
0 MM	WATER WHITE	8 MM
BUTTER – MAIZE – CITRUS – GREEN		
8 MM	EXTRA WHITE	17 MM
YELLOW – MARIGOLD – BUTTERSCOTCH – SUNFLOWER – DAFFODIL – BRASS		
17 MM	WHITE	34 MM
APRICOT – CORAL – SALMON – PEACH – DUSTY – PUMPKIN – ORANGE		
34 MM	EXTRA LIGHT AMBER	50 MM
MANGO – CLEMENTINE – FLAME – BURNT ORANGE – AUBURN – BRICK		
50 MM	LIGHT AMBER	85 MM
BLOOD – MAROON – CLARET – PLUM – MAHOGANY – RAWHIDE – CAROB – HENNA		
85 MM	AMBER	114 MM
CLOVE – COCOA – EARTH – MINERAL – HAZELNUT		
114 MM	DARK AMBER	140 MM

Honey is extremely rich in color beyond the seven shades of ambers represented by the Pfund color chart. Our color chart also includes a spectrum of other colors you may observe in your honey samples.